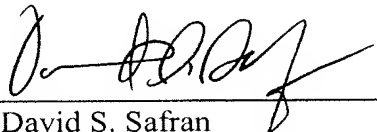


REMARKS

The above amendment to claim 9 corrects the antecedent basis issue raised by the Examiner relative to "the" interior by changing it to "an" interior. Thus, since this issue was the only one indicated to be outstanding by the Examiner, this application should now be in condition to be approved for issuance as a patent and action to that effect is hereby requested.

While this application should now be in condition for allowance, in the event that any issues should remain, or any new issue arise, after consideration of this response which could be addressed through discussions with the undersigned, then the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone for the purpose of resolving any such issue and thereby facilitating prompt approval of this application.

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